

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th October 2016

Support

An important word in our vocabulary today and very much so in our families. Where would any of us be without the support of the family which is the bedrock of society? Moses had his family, the Israelites of old, and note how they supported him, holding his hands on high, as he interceded for his people when they were engaged in defending the people. No cameras to record it, but what a sight it must have been and a wonderful family story.

We had a wonderful summer of sport this year. We had the thrills and spills of the European Cup, the Olympics and the GAA Championship. Our sportsmen and women did us proud and themselves too. Everybody wants to bask in the glory of coming out as number one. Only one can make it to the top and yet can we recall the frequency with which we secretly, or openly shouted 'God, O God, can they make it?' God, O God: I wonder is He always listening! Could he ever be akin to the unjust judge, who even though, apparently, not interested in the dear old lady in the gospel story, granted her request to get her, as it were, 'out of his hair'. I wonder did he still have hair and how long was the widow pestering him. Isn't this how it is in some families? In the time of large families, it was noticed that younger members easily got what they wanted, their first disco, holidays away from the family, etc., in comparison with the struggle the first members of the family had to endure. Even parents give way to pressure perhaps because of weariness or it could be that they too acquire wisdom over the years.

Being human and trying to communicate with a divine being we use human concepts and the God we call on is sometimes likened to a parent who could possibly know what is best for the children. He may be slow in responding and we wonder why. Is the Almighty mind being changed or is it my request that is being modified?

Sheila Crowe

Missionary Sister of St. Columban

Collections: 9th October Envelopes €492 Baskets €580
No of Envelopes 76 Direct Debits 4

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Message from Fr. John

I would just like to thank you very much for the wonderful send-off that you gave me last Sunday week. Thanks you very much for your gifts and donations. It was a privilege for me to be part of such a wonderful community and your kindness, outpouring of generosity, warm hospitality, constant support, care and love and prayers have always made me feel at home. I am very proud of all the people in this community from Rathanna to Ballymurphy to Borris. People often said to me when I came to this community I landed on my feet; after 14 years I can definitely verify that. The dedication, kindness and hard work of this community are second to none. There are so many good dedicated people in the three churches who have stood with me. It would be impossible to name so many of you who have helped me to mature as a person and as a priest. Be assured that I will keep you in my prayers and please keep me in yours.

My installation as PP of Clonmore will take place on Saturday 22nd. October at 7.30 pm in Ballyconnell church. I would like to welcome anyone who can make it to accompany me as you all have been a very special part of my life. Bishop Denis will celebrate the mass and there will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Fr. John

Fr. John's Contact Details are Fr. John O'Brien, P.P., St. Mary's, Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Ph. 059-9156183 & 086-2403787 Anyone who wishes to visit Fr. John in his new Parish is most welcome anytime.

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 17th & Friday 21st October at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 18th – Thurs 20th Oct. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 15th Oct Group 3

Annual Envelopes Could anybody who has not received a box of envelopes and wants one please contact the Parish Centre or Fr. Rory.

Cabaret in Aid of The Sudan, Conron's of Rathnure, Friday 6th November – Irish Night
Donation €10 (per 2)

We are once again celebrating **the Mission Month of October.**

Mission Month gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our baptismal call to bring Christ to others, which is a privilege in itself. The gift we have been given, we are asked to give.

Our gift to the world is the joy of the Gospel and our Irish missionaries continue to bring the Good News to people throughout the world. World Missions Ireland, the working title of the four Pontifical mission societies, organises the Mission Sunday collection in all Churches nationwide.

Mission Sunday falls on the 23rd October. Our theme is 'Every Christian is a Missionary'. We can all do our part in an open, joyful and generous way.

For further information on WMI or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Doors of Mercy Open for You

There are four Holy Doors of Mercy in our diocese in this Jubilee Year. They are at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, St Brigid's Church, Kildare Town, St Fintan's Church, Mountrath and Duiske Abbey in Graignamanagh parish.

If you haven't yet made a Holy Door pilgrimage maybe now is the time to give it a go. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to any or all of these doors, welcoming God's mercy into your life as you cross over the threshold. Your pilgrim journey can start from a place of your choosing or from the designated starting point linked to each door. You will find a prayer to accompany the pilgrimage on kandle.ie as well as in the church.

In the weeks ahead parishes might also remember to pray the Jubilee Prayer during Mass or print in the bulletin all or part of. Choirs might also be encouraged to sing the Jubilee hymn when appropriate.

A parish holy hour might be organised for the grace of the year of Mercy to be felt by as many as possible in our parishes.

Just some suggestions to keep the spirit of this Jubilee year alive.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK